

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Council

Hank Myers, Chair
Byron Shutz, Member
John Stilin, Member
Hank Margeson (*Attending Council Member*)
David Carson (*Attending Council Member*)

Staff

Tom Hardy, Senior Planner
Linda De Boldt, Public Works Director
Debby Wilson, Real Property Manager
Jerallyn Roetemeyer, Engineering Supervisor
Steve Hitch, Senior Engineer
Steve Fischer, Planning Manager
Heather Maiefski, Planner
Jason Rogers, Senior Planner
Patrick McGrath, Planner
Don Cairns, Engineering Manager
Chester Knapp, Senior Planner
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner
Cheryl Xanthos, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:46 p.m.

Committee Chair Hank Myers called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Interagency Agreement with Dept. of Commerce for Solar Grant Award

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, stated that a solar demonstration project will be installed on the roof of City Hall. The City received a solar grant award for approximately \$70,000 from the Washington State Department of Commerce. To accept the funding, the City needs to sign an interagency agreement. This item will be going forward at the September 20, 2016, meeting for Council approval.

SR 520 Trail Grade Separation at 40th Street Design Contract

Mr. Don Cairns, Engineering Manager, stated that this item is for a consultant contract and will be going forward at the September 20, 2016, meeting for Council approval. The City received funding from the state as part of the Connecting Washington program.

General discussion ensued regarding the design and construction of the bike lane changes.

Road Improvements on NE 51st Street West of 156th Avenue NE *(this item was reordered during the meeting)*

Mr. Cairns stated that this is part of the Community Facility District that Microsoft is funding. The improvements will provide turn lanes as a condition of the development of some of the Microsoft buildings. Staff has been in contact with neighbors in the area regarding design work and traffic studies.

General discussion ensued regarding the necessity of the improvements and the roadway changes including the possibility of a signal or restricting turns.

Metro/City Redmond LOOP Contract

Mr. Chester Knapp, Senior Planner, provided an update on the Metro LOOP contract:

- will be going forward at the October 4, 2016, meeting for Council approval;
- Hopelink will provide drivers;
- Metro will provide the vehicle, fuel, signage, print materials and \$40,000 to pay for the drivers;
- Redmond LOOP is the branding for the route;
- the City is responsible for managing the contract with the drivers, scheduling, operational issues, marketing and branding; and
- updates to Hopelink's insurance coverage.

General discussion ensued regarding signage.

Complete Streets Ordinance Update

Mr. Knapp stated that staff is proposing updates to the Complete Streets Ordinance to align with national best practices and the Transportation Master Plan. Updating the ordinance will allow for the possibility of winning an award for program funding.

General discussion ensued regarding the burden on private property owners.

18-Year Transportation Facilities Plan Amendment

Mr. Patrick McGrath, Planner, stated that a staff report will be provided to the full Council at the September 20, 2016, meeting. The Transportation Facilities Plan is the basis of the transportation impact fees and concurrency system. This amendment will add three projects that previously didn't have funding. Private developers that will be constructing multi-million dollar projects and will be able to claim credits. The impact fee rates for other developers will increase by approximately 15 percent. The proposal has been shared with OneRedmond, and approved by both the Technical Committee and the Planning Commission.

General discussion ensued regarding the three projects and locations; completion of segments; and developer mitigation for system improvements.

Annual Indexing of Impact Fees and Related Code Amendments

Mr. Jason Rogers, Senior Planner, provided an update:

- The code specifies what indexing is used for impact fees.
- Proposed amendments include: using the definitions in the Zoning Code for land use determinations and allowing the Planning Director to interpret the RMC 3.10 when it is ambiguous.
- A staff report and study session will be provided for Council discussion.
- The new rates will go into effect on January 1, 2017.

General discussion ensued regarding the average cost of homes in Redmond; Lake Washington School District impact fee rates; and rate calculations.

Interim Telecommunications Ordinance

Mr. Steve Fischer, Planning Manager, and Ms. Heather Maiefski, Planner, stated that:

- the Federal Communications Commission has streamlined regulations;
- the City's telecommunication ordinance needs to be updated to reflect those changes;
- modifications to existing monopolies need to be processed in under 60 days;
- the City is not in compliance with that regulation and an emergency ordinance is needed; and
- this will be going forward at the September 20, 2016, meeting for Council approval.

General discussion ensued regarding what modifications are eligible for the expedited review process under the new federal regulations.

Outreach to One Redmond Re: Zoning Code Changes

Ms. Jeralyn Roetemeyer, Engineering Supervisor, provided an update on the stormwater Zoning Code changes:

- bonus density incentive;
- code outlines what activities need a permit;
- prohibition on importing contaminated fill;
- proposed changes was presented to OneRedmond;
- language has been updated for clarity and intent based on OneRedmond comments; and
- a webinar workshop is scheduled to gather more input.

General discussion ensued regarding providing an issues matrix.

Tosh Creek Outreach Update

Mr. Steve Hitch, Senior Engineer, provided an update on Tosh Creek: neighbors are concerned regarding personal impact and the project has been put on pause to have more meetings with neighbors to provide more information on the project.

General discussion ensued regarding potential alternatives.

NE 40th Street Trunk

Mr. Hitch stated that this project has not been a high City priority. The NE 40th Street Trunk is a pipe that carries stormwater from Microsoft buildings and other properties on 40th Street and flows into a creek. The trunk was built in 1983. The project is to extend the pipe to Lake Sammamish to prevent flooding and not require vaults to be built. Microsoft will pay to build the project and the City will implement the project. Microsoft doesn't want a vault to be built on the future Overlake Transit Center site.

General discussion ensued regarding filtration and treatment of stormwater.

Approval of WA Conservation Corps Crew Agreement for 2016-17

Mr. Tom Hardy, Senior Planner, stated that the application process is competitive, and Redmond was awarded a subsidized crew for 45 weeks. The crew will provide maintenance to the restoration sites in the City. The City has used the corps since 2004.

Update on Landslide Mapping Project by King County

Mr. Hardy stated that King County completed a landslide hazard mapping project in the Sammamish River Valley. They looked at various landslide risks. King County will release this information to the public on their website. The mapping effort developed a process for identifying landslide hazards in the area.

General discussion ensued regarding liability and sharing with the public.

On-Call Real Property Services Consultant Agreements

Ms. Debby Wilson, Real Property Manager, stated that for the last 16 years, the City has used consultants to help with real property services. The two firms will be needed to help with capital and pre-capital project activities. The firms meet the requirements to be used for federal aid projects. This item will be going forward for Council approval in October 2016.